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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-314

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 19, 2005

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 005

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, **November 2, 2005**.

Acceptances will be announced by midnight, November 15, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from January 2, 2006 through April 29, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Potatoes, Russet	50 lb ctn	11,200 cases
Potatoes, Round, White	50 lb ctn	800 cases

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh potatoes are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process, and must score at least 70% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

Vendors or subcontractors who have not acquired the GHP certification prior to the submission of bids will be deemed non-responsive.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Notes:

- (1) Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2006. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.



- (2) Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special markings will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only", if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-314, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-314, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV314
 INVITATION : 005
 COMM GROUP : 38 VEGETABLES, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 10 POTATOES, RUSSET, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 60 50 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/02/06 - 01/04/06					
001	ATLANTA	GA		400	
	FAIRBURN	GA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
002	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	800	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/06 - 01/18/06					
003	EAST BERNSTADT	KY	TRUCK ONLY	600	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	200	
004	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	800	
005	EAST BERNSTADT	KY	TRUCK ONLY	200	
	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	GRANDVIEW	IN	TRUCK ONLY	200	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/30/06 - 02/01/06					
006	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	800	*
007	BATESVILLE	MS	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	COOKEVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	400	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/13/06 - 02/15/06					
008	ALCOA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	600	
	LEBANON	TN	TRUCK ONLY	200	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/27/06 - 03/01/06					
009	SPRINGFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	TAUNTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	400	
010	SPRINGFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	200	
	WILMINGTON	MA		600	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/27/06 - 03/29/06

011	PORT NEWARK	NJ		800	
012	VINELAND	NJ		800	

DELIVERY PERIOD 04/24/06 - 04/26/06

013	PORT NEWARK	NJ		800	
014	VINELAND	NJ		800	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 11,200

COMM TYPE : 11 POTATOES, FRESH, ROUND, WHITE
 PACK SIZE : 50 50 LB BAG

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/02/06 - 01/04/06

015	BROOKLYN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	800	** Kosher
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 800

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 12,000


 Felicitas C. Lofton
 Contracting Officer

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